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Aviation support on solid ground

One-stop office formed in Iraq

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The mission was clear but challenging and dangerous: Start an aviation support office in Iraq to provide one-stop service for the Army's helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft in the war zone.

Col. Joe Moore got the job done as the theater aviation single manager from the end of February through the end of May in Balad, Iraq. But he prefers to give the credit to others.

"Thanks to everybody, the Redstone team, for all the good they're doing," he said. "Keep it up. We can never do too much for the people who are over there defending our freedoms."

Moore, assigned to the Army Training Support Center in Fort Eustis, Va., was requested by name for the Iraq tour by Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of the Aviation and Missile Command and Redstone. The Army's operations officer approved the assignment;

and Moore deployed to Iraq in February. The theater aviation single manager office began in Iraq with three people: Moore, logistics assistance representative Max Marble and Program Executive Office for Aviation representative Arlie Keister. They got help in country from Gary Cope, the AMCOM senior command representative, who initially served as Moore's deputy.

"It (the mission) was mostly to set up and to serve as the focal point for both unit and wholesale system aviation logistics issues," Moore said. "And basically, you know, provide a one-stop service for aviation logistical or maintenance issues."

The office grew to 11 members; and there are plans to more than double that. Its accomplishments include:

Deployed and established the theater aviation single manager in Iraq ("it's got a Southwest Asia-wide support view," Moore said); streamlined retrograde operations and improved asset visibility (reducing lost aviation repair parts by 50 percent); identified and eliminated or requested technical assistance

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Photo by Skip Vaughn

BACK HOME— Col. Joe Moore has returned to the states after serving as theater aviation single manager in Iraq.

Week of tradition honors military

Armed Forces Week slated July 12-16

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It is that time of year again, time for the Redstone and the Madison-Huntsville community to come together to pay tribute to service-members. It's time for Armed Forces Celebration Week.

The theme for Armed Forces Week, July 12-16, is "A Tradition of Heroes." Many of the events are open to the public.

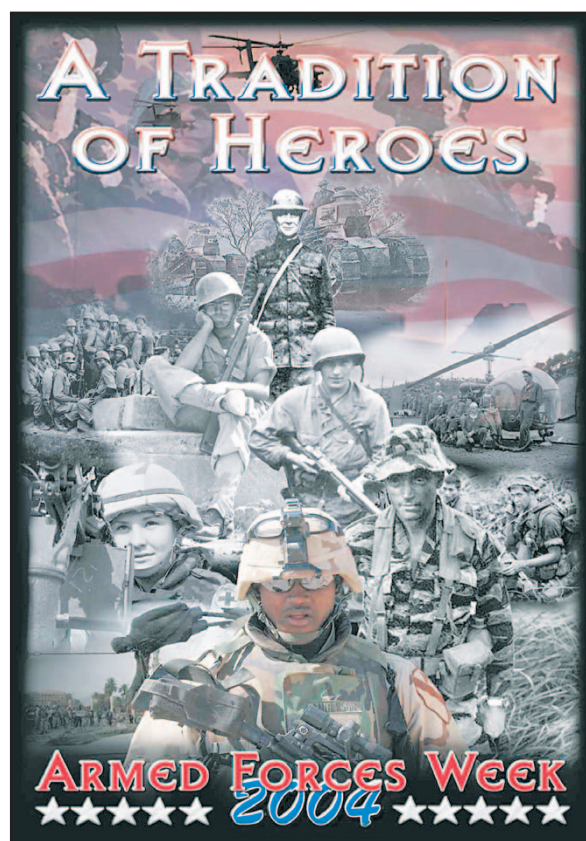
Together with Redstone, the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce will have a proclamation signing to kick off the week. It is set to begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday, July

12 at the military dining facility. Immediately following the signing, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the new military dining facility. Those with access to Redstone are welcome to attend.

Redstone Arsenal's NCO/Soldier of the Year luncheon will also be held July 12 at 11 a.m. at the Officers and Civilians Club. The event honors Redstone's outstanding NCO and Soldier; and this year's theme is "Guardians of Freedom." Tickets are \$8.50 and can be purchased by calling Sgt. 1st Class Adriano Vasquez.

Both the Prototype Integration Facility and Army Community Service will hold open houses on July 12. The PIF's open house begins at noon and will last until 4 p.m. ACS's open house also serves as a birthday

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On road to driver safety

We continue to lose servicemembers in motor vehicle crashes.

Last year, we lost 113 servicemembers in private motor vehicle crashes between Memorial Day and Labor Day. We must stop this needless loss of life, and I want every commander and supervisor in the Department to focus on this issue.

To that end, I expect everyone to:

- Enforce the use of seatbelts. Almost one-third of vehicle fatalities in fiscal year 2003 were unbelted victims. Remind your people to wear seatbelts when they are driving and tell them to make sure their passengers are wearing seatbelts. DoD has joined the "Click it or Ticket" program for seatbelt enforcement.

- Eliminate impaired driving. Over 20 percent of vehicle fatalities in FY '03 involved alcohol. Make sure your people know the danger and foolishness of driving drunk. We have joined the national program "You Drink and Drive, You Lose" to help prevent these fatalities.

- Insist on motorcycle helmets. We've seen a sharp increase in motorcycle fatalities. Be sure riding without an



DoD photo

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld

approved helmet is not being tolerated – on or off base. Talk to your people. Remind them about the risks and how to avoid those risks.

Enjoy the summer, but enjoy it safely.

Donald Rumsfeld
Defense secretary

An open lane random survey

What do you think about embryonic stem cell research?

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Nita Jones
DoD civilian

"I think it could be used in a good way, but they're getting real close to godly matters."

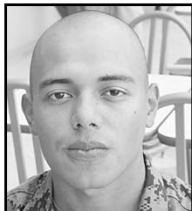


Pearlline Rice
civilian guest

"I feel like it could be great. Having older parents that could be hit with something like Alzheimer's, it would be nice to see them benefit from stem cells."

Pvt. Jose Menjivar

"I think that there are a lot of benefits and those benefits outweigh all of the things that stand in the way. It is something that should be continued."



Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Moffitt
NCO Academy

"I think it's good. If we're going to go with abortion, then we might as well take some good from it. Use one death to cure another."



Looking back at summer hiring

An article in last week's *Rocket* included the following quote: "We've been doing this program (summer employment for students) – it seems like forever," CPAC director Don Dixon said. "I know it's been going on at least 20 years." Interestingly, the first major push to hire summer

students at Redstone occurred in 1965 when 125 youths were hired for the summer under the Youth Opportunity Campaign sponsored by President Lyndon Johnson.

Michael Baker
AMCOM command historian

Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents.

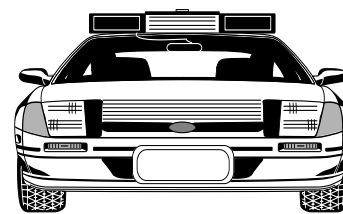
June 11: An individual was found to be in possession of two handguns and a shotgun during an inspection of his vehicle

at Gate 9. The weapons were seized and the individual was processed and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 11: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol during an inspection at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and detained at the Provost Marshal Office until his blood alcohol reached an acceptable level.

June 13: A Soldier and his spouse were found to be involved in a verbal dispute which became physical. Both were transported to the Provost Marshal Office where they were processed and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 14: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection



tion at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

June 15: An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection at Gate 10. He

was issued a violation notice and released.

June 16: An individual was found to have used a government issued credit card to pay for services completed on her personal vehicle. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

June 16: An individual who was reported to have assaulted his girlfriend during a domestic dispute on Goss Road had to be physically subdued upon arrival of police. He was transported to the Provost Marshal Office where he was processed and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

Traffic accidents reported: 3 without injuries, none with injuries.

Violation notices issued: 30 speeding, 1 no proof of insurance, 2 failure to obey traffic control device, 2 driving with a suspended driver's license and 1 driving under the influence of alcohol.

Clarification

As indicated in last week's *Rocket*, the use of handheld cell phones and other communications devices will be curtailed for drivers on Redstone Arsenal. The use of hands-free cell phones and communications devices are still allowed. The policy went into effect June 21, but there will be a 90-day grace period.

Quote of the week

'My motto was always to keep swinging. Whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having trouble off the field, the only thing to do was keep swinging.'

— *Hank Aaron*

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Redstone welcomes future scientists, engineers

Apprentice program draws 170 applicants

Col. Cory Mahanna, project manager for utility helicopter, kicked off this year's Scientist and Engineer Apprentice Program with the welcome and opening remarks June 8 in building 5250.

He said the Army focused on "building a bench" of junior leaders, scientists and engineers. The program objectives are to acquaint qualified students with the activities of Redstone Arsenal and its laboratories through summer research and engineering experiences, provide opportunities and exposure to scientific and engineering practices, expose students to research and engineering activities that encourage support of the defense community, and to prepare students to serve as role models.

SEAP accepts both high school and college students and provides an aggressive eight-week program. Each student is assigned a mentor and a program plan with objectives. PM Utility will host a weekly "brown bag" session for the Program Executive Office for Aviation SEAP students to discuss different aspects of Army aviation, missile, and command and control. The program concludes Aug. 12.

Mahanna explained that each student would be exposed to the work environment. He described the "deliverable" the students would develop through work on a meaning-

ful project throughout the eight weeks. He challenged the students to produce a professional and useful product and to enjoy their summer experience with this program.

Geoffrey Paul is typical of the 170 SEAP applicants. A senior at Life Christian Academy of Huntsville, he intends to study physics and software engineering.

Kirsten Thurgood of Calhoun College intends to complete her basic coursework in Alabama and finish instruction at Brigham Young in Utah. Thurgood said she wants to learn all she can about the work environment at Redstone, and hopes one day to relate that knowledge as a high school instructor.

Kristal Webb, a sophomore at the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science in Mobile, said her goals include obtaining a doctorate in mathematics and then pursuing either a future in law, biology, chemistry or physics. She said this experience will influence the decisions she will face about her career.

Julie Lumpkins of Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is the SEAP coordinator this year. The applications for next year's program should be available around November and the deadline will be in January. Applications are available at CPAC, at local schools and online at www.gwseap.net. Students must apply each year, even if they are return students. For more information, call Lumpkins at 313-4834.

Getting to know you

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Where do you call home?
Wadley, Ala.

What do you like about your job?

Very exciting and I get to see live shots all the time and explosions. I like working on weapon systems.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Fish, hunt and play sports.



What are your goals?

To be a successful test engineer and work toward advancing my career.

Don't be alarmed at test sirens

Redstone Arsenal will participate with the Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency in the test sounding of the outdoor warning siren system Thursday and July 1 at noon, weather permitting.

The outdoor warning siren system is used for weather alerts, but can also be used to warn of an attack, terrorism incident, hazardous material incident, flooding or other public notification of emergencies.

The alert signal of the outdoor warning siren system is tested countywide on the first Wednesday of each month at noon. Those hearing an alert signal should turn to a radio or television station for information.

The EMA operates the sirens located on the Arsenal and will sound the post's six sirens, as well as the sirens in the county during the two upcoming tests.

Thursday's and the July 1 test will con-

sist of a 15-second continuous growl of the alert signal, followed by a 60-second rising and falling sound of the attack signal.

The tests are to assure that the Arsenal's sirens are in working order, allow all employees to become familiar with the sound of the alert signal and the attack signal and improve the Arsenal's Antiterrorism Force Protection mass notification procedures.

In the event of an actual attack, Channel 42 would broadcast additional information. During the upcoming tests, Channel 42 will broadcast the following message: "In the event of a manmade disaster, such as a terrorist incident, Channel 42 will have specific instructions about the actions you should take." Also, the Garrison Emergency Operations Center will be sending e-mail messages about the test to Garrison All, All Subscribers and Redstone Community.

Commander wants to continue health center's tradition

Native New Yorker takes reins at Fox

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The new commander of Fox Army Health Center knows about his facility's history of service.

Col. Robert Noback wants to add to it.

The New York native assumed command of the health center in a ceremony June 14. He succeeded Col. Steven Klamerus, commander since June 2002, who will attend a psychiatry residency at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu.

"The No. 1 goal is to maintain the fine tradition of Col. Klamerus, the Soldiers and staff here," Noback, 51, said. "He's got an outstanding reputation. Keep it and continue to build on it as we can."

Noback served as command surgeon/director of the medical plans and

policy directorate at the U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command from 2003-04 in the Chicago area. He joined the Army with a direct commission via the health professions scholarship program and entered active duty in 1984 after completing a general surgery internship at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn.

"He's been selected for this command with care," Brig. Gen. Eric Schoomaker, commander of the Southeast Regional Medical Command at Fort Gordon, Ga., said.

"I can't begin to thank everybody who's made these last two years memorable," Klamerus said.

The Detroit native praised the center's more than 300 Soldiers, civilians and contractors for their work during his tour and said he knows they will be up to the task for the future challenges.

"You are the best Soldiers, the best civilians and absolutely the best health center in the Army," Klamerus said.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

TAKING COMMAND— Col. Robert Noback assumes command of Fox Army Health Center in a ceremony June 14.

Hammond ready to build new house, go fishing

Product office director retires with 34 years

In honor of Donald Hammond's retirement, a ceremony was held June 14 at the Program Executive Office for Air, Space and Missile Defense.

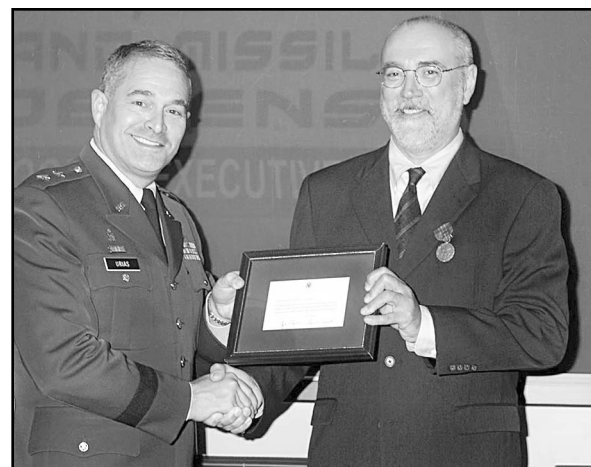
A change of position ceremony for Joint Tactical Ground Station Product Office from Hammond to Clifford Brandt also took place. Both ceremonies were officiated by Maj. Gen. John Urias, PEO Air, Space and Missile Defense.

Hammond is a native Alabamian who earned a bachelor's in industrial engineering from Auburn University. He is also a graduate of Defense Systems Management College and a member of the Army Acquisition Corps. Upon his retirement, Hammond had served 34 years which includes both his federal government service and his time in the Alabama National Guard.

He served as director of JTAGS Product Office since May 1999.

Hammond and his wife, Betty, live in Decatur. Their daughter, Catherine, is continuing her graduate studies in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Both the retirement and change of



Courtesy photo

SERVICE AWARD— Maj. Gen. John Urias, program executive officer for air, space and missile defense, presents an award to retiring Donald Hammond.

position ceremonies were attended by numerous family, friends and co-workers. Much to Hammond's surprise, he received several awards including the Meritorious Civilian Service Award, a two-star note from Urias, a presidential note and U.S. flag. A plaque honoring his contributions was also presented by Lt. Col. Jon Wright from the Space Based Infrared System, System Program Office.

What's next for the new retiree? He says building a new house with his wife and teaching the family to fish.

Operations center director finishes his work at Redstone



Photo by Skip Vaughn

YOU'LL BE MISSED— Col. Steve Spatola, director of the AMCOM Operations Center since 2002, shares a hug at his farewell reception.

Reserve colonel returning home

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The around-the-clock center for supporting wartime operations won't be the same anymore.

Col. Steve Spatola, director of the AMCOM Operations Center for the past two and a half years, is returning to his native California. The reserve colonel, with 37 years service, enters the last year of his career before retiring in September 2005.

"Without the best people, I would not

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Army gets new combat uniform

Fielding should finish by December 2007

By Sgt. 1st Class MARCIA TRIGGS
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army will be fielding a new combat uniform designed by NCOs and tested by Stryker Brigade Soldiers in Iraq since October.

On the Army's 229th birthday, June 14, senior leadership introduced the Army Combat Uniform during a Pentagon cake-cutting ceremony. Soldiers were on display, suited-up in the wrinkle-free uniform with a digitized camouflage pattern.

Three different versions of the ACU have been developed, and more than 10,000 uniforms have been produced and dragged through the sand in Iraq and at Army training centers. Even more are on American production lines to be issued by April 2005 to Soldiers in deploying units. Fielding to the total Army should be complete by December 2007, said officials from the Program Executive Office, known as PEO Soldier.

There were 20 changes made to the uniform, to include removing the color black and adapting the digital print from the Marine Corps uniform to meet the needs of the Army, said Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Myhre, the Clothing and Individual Equipment noncommissioned officer in charge.

Black is no longer useful on the uniform because it is not a color commonly found in nature. The drawback to black is that its color immediately catches the eye, he added.

"The color scheme in the ACU capitalizes on the environments that we operate in," Myhre said. "The current colors on the ACU are green-woodland, grey-urban environments and sand brown-desert. The pattern is not a 100-percent solution in every environment, but a good solution across the board."

Uniform changes include

- Mandarin collar that can be worn up or down
- Rank insignia centered on the front of the blouse
- Velcro for wearing unit patch, skill tabs and recognition devices
- Zippered front closure
- Elbow pouch for internal elbow pad inserts
- Knee pouch for internal knee pad inserts
- Draw string leg cuff
- Tilted chest pockets with Velcro closure
- Three-slot pen pocket on bottom of sleeve
- Velcro sleeve cuff closure
- Shoulder pockets with Velcro
- Forward tilted cargo pockets
- Integrated blouse bellows for increased upper body mobility
- Integrated Friend or Foe Identification Square on both left and right shoulder pocket flap.
- Bellowed calf storage pocket on left and right leg
- Moisture-wicking desert tan T-shirt
- Patrol Cap with double thick bill and internal pocket
- Improved hot-weather desert boot or temperate-weather desert boot
- Two-inch, black nylon web belt
- Moisture-wicking socks.

"This isn't about a cosmetic redesign of the uniform," said Col. John Norwood, the project manager for Clothing and Individual Equipment. "It's a functionality change of the uniform that will improve the ability of Soldiers to execute their combat mission."

Every change was made for a reason. The bottom pockets on the jacket were removed and placed on the shoulder sleeves so Soldiers can have access to them while wearing body armor. The pockets were also tilted forward so that they are easily accessible. Buttons were replaced with zippers that open from the top and bottom to provide comfort while wearing armor.

Patches and tabs are affixed to the uniform with Velcro to give the wearer more flexibility and to save the Soldier money, Myhre said. Soldiers can take the name-tapes and patches off their uniforms before laundering, which will add to the lifecycle of the patches. Also the cost to get patches sewn on will be eliminated, he added.

The ACU will consist of a jacket, trousers, moisture wicking T-shirt and the brown combat boots. It will replace both versions of the BDU and the desert camouflage uniform.

The black beret will be the normal headgear for the ACU, but there is a matching patrol cap to be worn at the commander's discretion.

At \$88 per uniform, about \$30 more than the BDU, Soldiers will eventually reap gains in money and time by not having to take uniforms to the cleaners or shine boots.

The life of the ACU began in January 2003 when PEO Soldier teamed with Myhre, Master Sgt. Alex Samoba and Staff Sgt. Matt Goodine — from the 1st Stryker Brigade, Fort Lewis, Wash.

The team looked at a number of uniforms and took the best part of each uniform and combined it into one. They built their first proto-



Arnews photo

WEARS WELL— Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Myhre, the Program Executive Office NCO-in-charge, sports the Army Combat Uniform, the recently approved wear for Soldiers. It contains 20 new improvements.

type and delivered 25 uniforms to Stryker squads at the National Training Center. After listening to their comments, the team went back to the lab and created prototype two.

Twenty-one uniforms were then delivered to Stryker Soldiers at the Joint Training and Readiness Center, Fort Polk, La.

"We watched them as they entered and cleared rooms, as they carried their rucksack and all of the things they had to be able to do in the uniform, and then we came up with prototype three," Myhre said.

Two issues of the third version were given to the Stryker Soldiers deploying to Iraq. Three months ago, Myhre was among a team who visited Iraq to get more feedback from Soldiers.

"We would talk to Soldiers right after they had completed a mission while the benefits of the uniform were still fresh in their minds. We wanted to know how did the uniform help the mission."

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston is one of the ACU's biggest supporters. He said major command sergeants major had a chance to see the uniform and give advice toward the final version.

"We have not made a major change to our uniforms since the BDUs (battle dress uniforms) were introduced in the early 1980s," Preston said. "This new uniform performs well in multiple environments. Its new pockets and color designs are a result of feedback from Soldiers in combat. Every modification made on the uniform was designed with a specific purpose and not just for the sake of change."

Drown-proofing is no day at the beach

Soldiers learn basics for water survival

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Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer at Redstone with the opening of the three swimming pools on post. But with water recreation comes the potential for water hazards; and as a result the 832nd Ordnance Battalion is conducting its annual drown-proof training June 2-29 at pool 1.

The training includes a 50-meter swim, teaching different ways and means to float, recovering a weapon from the bottom of the pool, removing load bearing equipment while submerged and treading water for five minutes all while wearing the battle dress uniform.

"We don't teach Soldiers how to swim," said Sgt. 1st Class Roy Oshiro, noncommissioned officer in charge of drown-proofing. "We just teach them how to survive if they fall in, we build their confidence and help eliminate their fears."

The goal of the training is to give them the tools and knowledge so that if they fall in they will know how to think, react and survive without the use of a standard flotation device. "We show them how to use alternatives like BDU pants or jeans and we are basically just trying to eliminate their fear of the water," Oshiro said.

"You have to listen to what the NCOs tell you," Pvt. Patrick Phillips of Charlie Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion said. "The hardest part of drown-proofing was swimming the length of the pool in BDUs and swimming with one arm while carrying an M-16. But I feel confident that I could survive if I fell into water and there wasn't anyone there to help me."

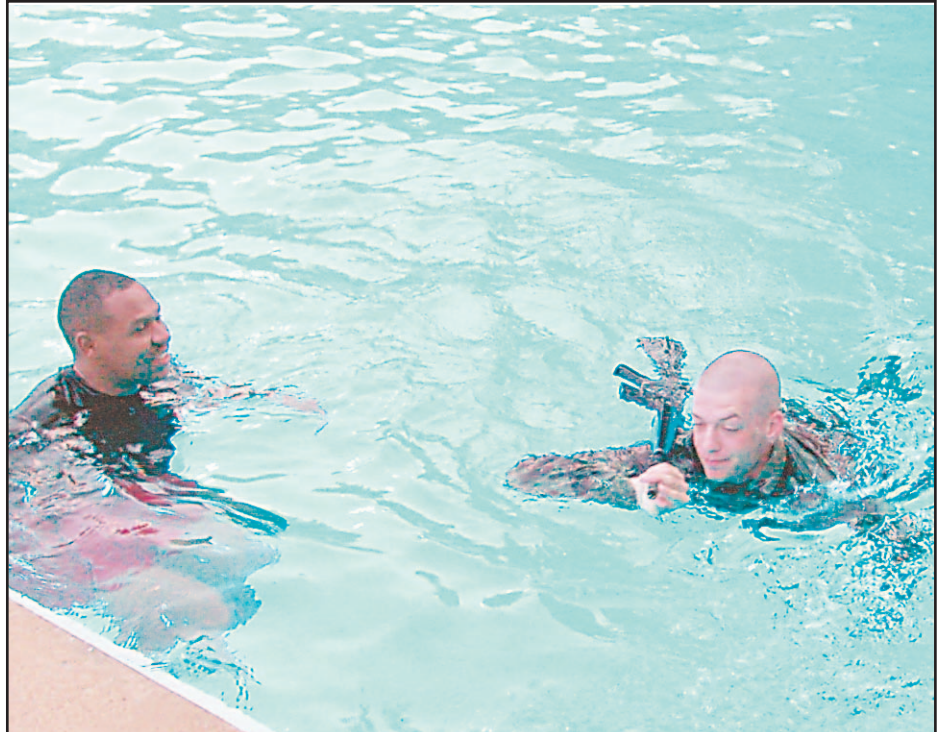


Photo by 2nd Lt. Ronald Myers

MY RECRUITER DIDN'T MENTION THIS— Sgt. 1st Class Stanley Lewis, a drown-proofing instructor, watches as Pfc. Michael Norris of Bravo Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, swims to safety after recovering his M-16 from the bottom of the pool during drown-proofing exercises.

Warriors challenged during unit competition

Event focused on teamwork and instilling unit pride

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I will always place the mission first.
I will never accept defeat.
I will never quit.
I will never leave a fallen comrade.

The four tenets of the U.S. Army's Soldier's Creed were the foundation behind the 832nd Ordnance Battalion's Warrior Challenge. The June 5 competition plotted companies against each other in three events to determine who would have bragging rights and add streamers to their company guidons, said 1st Lt. William Griffiths, 832nd Ordnance Battalion's assistant adjutant.

Teams competed in orienteering, a grenade assault course and the leaders reaction course. The competition also included the Warrior Run which consisted of 30 two-man teams competing against each other in a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) race.

"The purpose of the competition was to build morale and esprit de corps within the battalion and with the Marines and to implement the warrior ethos into the environment," Griffiths said.

The orienteering event consisted of three-man teams plotting and finding five designated points in two hours using only a compass, pencil, map and protractor. The leaders reaction course had teams of eight utilizing leadership, teamwork and patience to successfully negotiate and overcome obstacles. The grenade assault course tested two-man teams at their ability to land hand grenades in the kill zone of a stationary target.

Events like this build pride in the company and help develop teamwork, said Pvt. Justin Bareng, from Charlie Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, who took part in the land navigation event. It was also a good refresher on basic training.

Headquarters & Alpha came in first place in orienteering and the leaders reaction course and Bravo Company won the grenade assault course; however, when the

overall scores were tallied Charlie Company took top honors after winning a tie breaker with Headquarters & Alpha.

"We did our best, but we thought Bravo Company was going to win because they did so good during MIL-STAKES," Bareng said. "We were kind of surprised we won and it definitely boosted the morale of the whole company."

The Marines dominated in the Warrior run which began with competitors negotiating a seven-obstacle conditioning course and then continuing on with the 10K route that included a vertical climb up the fire break on Madkin Mountain. Marine Pfc. Paul Clayton and Pfc. Joseph Turner finished the 10K in just under 58 minutes, more than two minutes faster than the second place finishers.



Photo by Spc. Ryan McClymont

WHO'S THE BOSS?— Members of Team B of Bravo Company, 832nd Ordnance Battalion, negotiate obstacles at the leaders reaction course during the Warrior Challenge June 5.

Griffin tapped as next AMC commander

*To receive fourth star
and succeed Kern*

WASHINGTON – Lt. Gen. Benjamin Griffin has been nominated for appointment to general and assignment as commander of Army Materiel Command, Fort Belvoir, Va. He will succeed Gen. Paul Kern, AMC commander since Oct. 30, 2001.

Griffin is serving as the Army's deputy chief of staff, G-8. In his current position he is responsible for the future Army through programming, materiel integration, and management of Army studies/analysis.

Previously, Griffin served as commanding of 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Hood, Texas, from June 1999 to November 2001. He has served in a variety of command and staff assignments including commander, Joint Task Force 6, Fort Bliss, Texas; commander, 2nd Brigade, 6th Infantry Division (Light), Fort Wainwright, Alaska; commander, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division (Mechanized) U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army, Germany; and commander, C Company, 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry (Airborne), 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. In addition to state-side tours, he has served overseas in Germany and Korea.

He has completed the Infantry Officer Advanced

Course, Army Command and General Staff College, and Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He holds a bachelor's degree in management from Old Dominion University and a master's in business administration from Mercer University.

His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Award, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with three oak leaf clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with four oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster), Expert Infantryman Badge, Master Parachutist Badge and Army Staff Identification Badge.

Support group starts for post traumatic stress

FOX ARMY HEALTH CENTER RELEASE

Behavioral Medicine has seen an increasing number of Soldiers with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. As a result, Dr. David Ferguson and Durwood Whitten began a PTSD support

group June 11.

The group meets Friday mornings at 9 in Behavioral Medicine, building 3425.

These symptoms are common for Soldiers who have experienced traumas that occur in combat.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder symptoms include:

- Recurring memories of the trauma that are disturbing and will not go away
- Nightmares or disturbing dreams of the traumatic events
- Acting or feeling like you are back in the traumatic events
- Feelings of distress when exposed to sounds, smells, images that resemble the trauma
- Trying not to think about the traumatic events
- Trying to avoid things or conversations that remind you of the events
- Inability to remember some of the trauma
- Lack of interest in previously enjoyable activities
- Unable to have loving feelings
- Expectations that you won't have a normal life span
- Difficulty falling or staying asleep
- Irritability or outbursts of anger
- Difficulty concentrating
- Hyper-vigilance
- Being easily startled
- Withdrawing from friends and society.

If you have had these symptoms and they have been present for more than one month, the group may be helpful for you. Feel free to call Ferguson at 876-9085 if you have questions.

Hungarian soldier gets taste of America

A Hungarian soldier here for training says he has enjoyed his time at Redstone Arsenal.

"My time here so far has been very good," Staff Sgt. Krisztian Toth, of the 25th Klapka Gyorgy Mechanized Infantry Brigade, said. He has attended the 55-B basic NCO course.

When not in class or studying, he has tried to do as much sightseeing as possible. He attended a Huntsville Stars baseball game, went to a picnic and visited the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. There were also weekend visits to Nashville and Lynchburg. He will visit Florida July 17-18 and go to Atlanta July 24-25 with the International Military Student Office.

"There are many opportunities for people to make their lives better," the 27-year-old said of the United States. "I like it very much and it is one of the best countries on Earth."

Of his training at Redstone, he



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Krisztian Toth

said, "I am getting very good knowledge from my training that I will be able to use in Hungary."

The International Military Student Office sponsors activities for trainees from other countries. "They have been very helpful from the minute I arrived at the Huntsville airport," Toth said. "They have organized many interesting programs and trips for me."



Russell Moore/Photo Lab

Happy birthday, Army

Soldiers accompany the cake during the 229th Army birthday celebration June 14 at the Officers and Civilians Club. The event was sponsored by the Redstone-Huntsville Chapter, Association of the United States Army.

Got milk? Commissary counters high prices

By RICK BRINK
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. – While grocery shoppers everywhere are digging deeper into their pockets to buy milk, double-digit savings over commercial grocery stores give military customers even more reason to shop their commissary's dairy section.

Milk prices skyrocketed in May, selling for an average of \$3.43 a gallon for whole milk in 30 of the nation's largest metropolitan areas, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's web site. Its cause: the law of supply and demand – not enough milk being produced to meet demand.

"Paying more for milk is unavoidable whether you shop in a commercial gro-

cery store or a commissary. The higher milk prices, however, don't affect the overall level of savings commissary shoppers enjoy, which is more than 30 percent over retail," Scott Simpson, DeCA's chief operating officer, said.

Commissaries are stocking plenty of milk because it's a staple item with most families. Consumers are beginning to see price increases in some dairy products, such as butter, and these may be items on which price will affect purchasing decisions.

Some good immediate news in all of this is about ice cream. Just as summer is approaching, it appears ice cream prices won't be going up, at least not until the end of summer.

■ Reservist returning home to California

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have had the best job I've ever had," he said.

Spatola, 56, from Stockton, Calif., arrived Jan. 4, 2002, never having been to Redstone; he had been to Letterkenny Army Depot, Pa., three times for annual training. The then chief of staff Col. Ed Stone, who has since retired, interviewed him and explained the center which was expanding in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, 2001.

"Ed gave me the freedom to develop the Operations Center to find the correct manning levels, the personnel and how we would transition to a permanent staff and operation," Spatola said. "We seemed to have the best of the various staffs that sent details to support the efforts right after 9/11."

Members of the center staff and other well-wishers filled a conference room June 15 for his farewell reception. Marty

Martin, deputy director of readiness in the Integrated Materiel Management Center, presented mementos to Spatola and thanked him for his work.

"Col. Spatola came to us right at the height of operations (after Sept. 11), and did a really outstanding job of getting things well organized in our AMCOM Operations Center," Martin said. The center, part of the Readiness Directorate under the IMMC of the Aviation and Missile Command, provides support 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Everyone has been a remarkable contributor to the Global War on Terrorism efforts," Spatola said.

His daughter, Valerie, 19, attended the farewell reception. His wife, Sonia, is waiting in California. "Since 1991 she has done a lot of waiting time with me in the Middle East, Korea, Germany, the Balkans and now Alabama," he said. "She will be glad for me to be home. It's been about serving my country when needed but now I'm needed at home."

Law enforcement force moves into renovated building

New location gets good reports from provost marshal staff

By SANDY RIEBELING

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The new Provost Marshal Office on Gray Road isn't just bigger; it's better.

"We're loving it," Art Riley, PMO security officer, said. "It's probably two or three times the size of our old place. This building used to be the old commissary. I remember shopping here back in the day. When we first decided on this building, there were a few offices already here but it was mostly open bay area so we could virtually design what we wanted."

The \$1.3 million renovation of building 3623 took less than a year to complete and consolidated services to include police and security operations, physical security, PMO investigations and the Criminal Investigation Division — offices that were previously housed in several buildings across the post. The K-9 unit, because of special requirements, is still in

a separate location.

The move was done in bits and pieces during May but by May 28, the PMO was fully operational at the new location across from the badging office on Gray Road.

"It's great to have everybody under one roof," Riley said. "It's a long walk from one end to the other but it's well worth it. The place is set up better, we have better facilities and things we've never had before, like an exercise room, locker rooms, showers in the latrines, break rooms, training rooms."

The exercise room boasts several tread mills, stair steppers and free weights. A universal machine will be moved to the location in the next few weeks. In the old building, the walls of the guard mount room were lined with the lockers, all of the spaces and offices were smaller and training was done in another building off site.

Additional upgrades include a new state of the art monitoring/camera system, an additional detention cell, making the total three; improved evidence rooms, two additional interview rooms, a report room,



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

LOVIN' IT— From left Officer Ashley Robinson, Sgt. David Libby and Capt. Mike Spradley conduct police business in the lobby of the new Provost Marshal Office on Gray Road.

a separate room for fingerprinting and the breathalyzer machine, two conference rooms, storage rooms, a host of new offices and a bigger arms room.

"We've got room to walk around in here," police Sgt. Danny Harbin said of the new arms room. "It's at least one and a half times what we used to have. It's great."

More offices and better working spaces are a big plus for the staff of about 115 in the PMO.

"Before, we had two computers up front and the officers had to use one of those to do reports," Riley said. "Now we have six computers in a separate room for them to work. Before, all six guard supervisors had to share one office with one computer. We had two on per shift and everyone used that one tiny space. Now we have three offices so that each shift has an office. Police captains and their lieutenants share an office but there are more offices for them. It lets them feel like they have a space to work — to call home, so to speak."

But it's not just more room, it's a better design.

"We've managed to separate things out better," Riley said. "We can bring suspects in through a back entrance right into the d-cell area. We don't have to walk them through the lobby where witnesses and victims might be sitting."

The file room has also been placed near the front lobby so people can come in and get accident reports and paperwork without having to be escorted into more

secure areas. A unisex bathroom in the lobby is another plus, for much the same reason.

"The lobby itself is much nicer than before," Riley said. "Of course, we're still trying to put some comforts in here, some plants, maybe a picture but it's better as it is."

Furniture for most of the offices came from the Space and Missile Defense Command. When that organization moved to a newly constructed facility on post, they got new furnishings and what was left in the old building was up for grabs.

"It's pretty nice stuff," Riley said. "Some of us brought our furniture from the old place but I got a couple new pieces and we have a lot more offices to furnish. Everyone is adjusting real well to the new place."

"It's great," military police Sgt. David Libby said. "It's more professional — up to standards — something to show off. High tech. More advanced than the Huntsville Police Department. I'm proud to be a part of it."

Staffers are still getting settled and working out a few kinks in the phone and computer lines but there have only been minor glitches. All of the telephone numbers have moved to the new location and remain the same but because there are more offices, there are additional telephone numbers.

The contract guard force of about 120 is moving into the old PMO building on Ajax Road.

Supreme Court clerk advocates remembering tradition, discipline

29 attorneys given authority to practice in highest court

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Each attorney stood as his or her name was called and joined the group in front of the conference room. A few people with cameras jockeyed for position as the guest of honor administered the oath.

"We welcome you as members of the bar," retired Maj. Gen. William Suter, clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court, told the 29 attorneys who were hereby admitted to practice before the highest court in the land. Eight were from the Aviation and Missile Command.

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association held the Supreme Court admissions ceremony June 16 at the Huntsville Marriott. Suter administered the oath, delivered often humorous remarks and answered questions during the luncheon.

"You told me you were going to treat me like a real Army officer. I thought we were going to have MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) for lunch," he quipped, bringing laughter from the more than 100 attendees.

Suter became the Supreme Court clerk in 1991 and is the 19th person to hold that position.

Giving colorful anecdotes, he described the court's routine – "the oral arguments in court are really great" – and its etiquette – "the attorneys are kind to each other, they're considerate."

"Being an advocate doesn't mean you have an enemy," Suter said. "I think we all need to remember that."



Photo by Skip Vaughn

SOLEMN OATH— Retired Maj. Gen. William Suter, clerk of the Supreme Court, administers the oath to 29 local attorneys admitted to practice before the highest court in the land.

He spoke of the court's tradition and discipline. "We start at 10 o'clock in the morning, not 10:01. We end at 12, not 12:01," he said.

The eight attorneys from AMCOM admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court include Amy Sue Meredith, Laura Owens, Will Rathbun, Mary Boehme Richards, Glenda Joy Collins, Marcia Stevens, Brian Toland and John Alvin Henningsen.

"It's an honor to be admitted to the highest court in our country," said Toland, contracts attorney in the AMCOM Legal Office and vice president of the North Alabama Chapter. "And also a thrill to have retired General Suter appear in Huntsville and have this special event for our community. Retired General Suter's visit and the swearing-in ceremony would not have been possible but for the dedicated effort of our chapter president, Laura Owens."

School bus signup just around corner

GARRISON RELEASE

All military personnel living on Redstone Arsenal who desire bus transportation to the four core schools for school year 2004-05 must register each child for transportation. Registration is July 12-16 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Extended registration will be held at the Parent/Principal Night on July 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711.

Redstone will provide bus transportation to the following core schools: Williams Elementary (grades K-5), Williams Middle (grades 6-8), Westlawn Middle (grades 6-8), Butler High (grades 9-12) and New Century Technology (grades 9-12).

Huntsville has agreed to provide bus transportation for students residing on Redstone Arsenal to special needs (handicapped) and magnet schools in the city. No trans-

portation will be provided students residing on Redstone who attend private schools.

Registration for Huntsville bus transportation to the magnet schools and special needs schools will be conducted at the aforementioned locations, dates and times.

To qualify for school bus transportation, each registrant living on post must show proof of active duty status. Department of Defense personnel living off post will show proof of active duty status or a Redstone Arsenal employee identification badge, and enrollment in the School Age Service Program. Registration should be completed during this scheduled period to allow sufficient time to develop routes and establish bus stops.

For more information, call Ray Boles in the Directorate of Logistics at 876-3119 or Carl Pack, supervisor of bus operations for Northrop Grumman, at 876-3938.

Command unveils future contract requirements

*Annual industry briefing
scheduled July 13-14*

What are the requirements Team Redstone sees in its future? What are the Army's long-range objectives and goals? What type of contracts will Team Redstone need to award to support these requirements? These are the type of questions that the annual Team Redstone Advance Planning Briefing for Industry is designed to answer.

This year's two-day conference is scheduled July 13-14 on Redstone Arsenal.

"The conference theme is 'Rapid Reaction to Battlefield Requirements Today and Tomorrow,'" Laretta Mitchell, who manages the conference for Team Redstone, said. "The briefings will provide information that will help businesses maintain awareness of the prospective Army procurements and develop competitive postures in anticipation of those procurements.

"The scope of the briefing includes a complete spectrum from the long-range requirements for space, aviation and missile technology programs and demonstrations and the transition of these programs from research and development to production and other Army required services. But we will also include a more focused description of near-term efforts and requirements."

Conference participants include the

Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology; Army Materiel Command; Aviation and Missile Command; Space and Missile Defense Command; Research Development and Engineering Center; the Program Executive Offices for Air, Space and Missile Defense, Aviation, and Tactical Missiles; Aviation Center and Fort Rucker; Missile and Space Intelligence Center; the Garrison; and Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.

"The APBI offers industry an opportunity to meet key leaders, scientists and engineers responsible for the life cycle of today's unsurpassed aviation and missile technology systems," Mitchell said. Government exhibits and displays will highlight the latest equipment and technology at Team Redstone.

In addition to the formal presentations and question and answer sessions during the day, there will be a luncheon July 13 at Redstone Arsenal. Claude Bolton Jr., assistant secretary of the Army for acquisition, logistics and technology, is the guest speaker.

Later that evening, the APBI generals' reception will take place.

"The luncheon and reception offers conference attendees the opportunity to talk with speakers and other participants in a one-on-one, informal setting. It's a great networking opportunity," Mitchell said. "We expect as many as 400 business and industrial representatives, and we estimate 150 out-of-town companies as

well as numerous small, large and disadvantaged contractors and engineering firms within the greater Huntsville area."

The conference registration cost is \$50 for industry, academia, military and government employees. The luncheon cost is \$14.95 and reception is \$19.95. Seating is limited, so early registration is encour-

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or skill sets to come into theater to eliminate aircraft survivability equipment problems; refined aviation logistics processes; improved aircraft on ground requisition processes; improved technical assistance to the supported units; and conducted readiness analysis and reporting.

"Basically started it and now it's time to grow it," Moore summarized. He came to Redstone last week to give follow-up briefings before returning to Fort Eustis and heading to his next assignment as logistics officer at the Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Va.

Maj. James Bledsow, from the Program Executive Office for Aviation, is in Iraq now as the theater aviation single manager. Moore credits the office's successes under his own tenure to Marble, who has returned to Fort Hood, Texas; Keister, who will be in Iraq until mid-August; and two people at Redstone, Col. Dave Hafele and Stu Gerald. "Those are the guys that really did all the hard work," Moore said.

This meant supporting about 400 Army aircraft, including helicopters and fixed-wing, in Iraq. The aviation units supported included Army, Marine Corps and Special Operations forces. The mission's danger was underscored by an attack last week on the Balad air base which killed four people and wounded 25.

"You hear something like that it makes you look in the mirror and ask yourself did you do all you could today so the men and women over there have all they need so we could sleep at night here in this country free and safe," Moore said.

The 49-year-old Birmingham native, a 1977 graduate of the University of North Alabama, has 26 years service. He served as assistant program manager for readiness for the Black Hawk helicopter from 1989-92 at the then-Aviation Systems Command in St. Louis.

His wife, Barb, awaits him at Fort Eustis. His oldest daughter, Alicia Barger, 23, just graduated from Georgia Southern University and will teach special education in Savannah, Ga. His daughter Nicole Barger, 18, just graduated from Woodside High in Newport News, Va., and will

attend Old Dominion University in August.

Late registration and early check-in will be available July 12 from 1-4 p.m. at Bob Jones Auditorium. For more information, call Mitchell at 876-4270.

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"I missed a lot of family stuff (while deployed) but it was the right thing to do," Moore said. "Like missed the oldest daughter graduating from college, missed the anniversary, missed the family vacation. But the young men and women that are there miss them just as much or more."

Pillsbury outlined the mission of the theater aviation single manager during the AMCOM Town Hall meeting June 10. "I'm very proud of those folks over there because they're making a difference," the AMCOM commander said.

Moore knows firsthand. And he expects the office to continue to improve its support to the Soldiers.

"There's a lot of goodness going on and that you're not going to see on the news," he said. "Without question the majority of the Iraqi people want us there."



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New assignment

Maj. Gen. John Holly, director of the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office, Missile Defense Agency, has been nominated by the president to become MDA deputy director in Washington, D.C. His report date is to be announced later.

Leaving on devices uses more energy

The Redstone Arsenal Energy Management Office wants to help you separate fact from fiction.

If you think leaving lights, computers and other appliances on uses less energy than turning them off and also makes them last longer, you're mistaken, according to the Energy Management Office.

"The small surge of power created when some devices are turned on is vastly smaller than the energy used by run-

ning the device when it is not needed," a prepared release said. "While it used to be the case that cycling appliances and lighting on and off drastically reduced their useful lifetimes, these problems have been largely overcome through better design."

For more information, call energy manager Mark Smith 842-0014 or resource efficiency manager Bob Quick 842-0235.

■ 'Tradition of Heroes' theme for annual celebration

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celebration for its 39th year of service to the military. This open house starts at 1:30, immediately following the NCO/Soldier of the Year luncheon, and lasts until 4 p.m.

The 98th Army stage band, the "Jazz Aviators," from Fort Rucker will headline the "Concert in the Park" series, sponsored by the city of Huntsville and the Art Council, on July 12 at Huntsville's Big Spring Park. The local band Buckler, which plays "acoustic pop rock," will kick off the night at 6:30 p.m. and the 98th will begin around 7:45. The concert concludes with a fireworks display at approximately 9.

In addition to the concert in the park, military hardware such as helicopters, aircraft and weapon systems, will be displayed on Williams Street by the Big Spring Park as part of the Armed Forces Week and concert activities. The Concert in the Park and hardware displays are open to the public; and people are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

The Armed Forces Celebration Luncheon, sponsored by the Association of the United States Army and the Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled July 14 at 11:45 a.m. at the Von Braun Center North Hall with the theme "A Tradition of Heroes." The scheduled speaker is Lt. Gen. Benjamin Griffin, recently nominated for appointment to general and assignment as commander of the Army Materiel Command, Fort Belvoir, Va. Individual tickets for the luncheon are \$30. For more information, call Tina Leopold at 535-2031 or register online at www.HuntsvilleAlabamaUSA.com.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is set to have three performances at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Performances are July 13 at 7:30 p.m. and July 14 at 2 p.m. and 7:30. Tickets are required and will be distributed to Soldiers June 29 through July 4 at Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711. All remaining tickets will be distributed to the public beginning July 6 at the recreation center as well

as the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce.

To wrap up the week, AUSA will hold the Armed Forces Week golf tournament at Redstone golf course July 15. The tournament is a four-person scramble open to the public. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. Cost is \$45 for military and DoD civilians and \$85 for others. The price includes entry fee, green fees, cart, food and drink. There is a limit of 192 players in the tournament. For more information, contact Mike Kelley at 542-5100 or michael_kelley@raytheon.com.

Additional activities are also planned. The Advance Planning Briefing for Industry is July 13-14 at Bob Jones Auditorium.

The following activities will honor military personnel by offering free or reduced admission during Armed Forces Celebration Week, according to the Chamber of Commerce:

- Huntsville/Madison County Botanical Garden — Free admission with military identification, July 11-17.
- Early Works — "Works" package for a reduced charge of \$5 on July 17 for active duty personnel and their families.
- Huntsville Museum of Art — Free admission July 12-16 for active duty military. Retired military will be charged the reduced rate of \$7 and spouses and children ages 12-18 pay the regular military rate of \$10.50, while children ages 6-11 pay \$6. (Children under 5 enter free.)
- U.S. Space and Rocket Center — Military ID cardholders will receive \$4 off the regular combination ticket July 12-18.
- Burritt on the Mountain — Free admission for military ID cardholders July 13-17.
- Huntsville Stars baseball — Half-price tickets for the military ID cardholders on July 11, 15-17.
- Huntsville Speedway — \$2 off for military personnel July 9 and 16.
- Sci-Quest — Half-price admission for military ID cardholders July 13-17.

For more information about Armed Forces Celebration Week, call the Chamber of Commerce at 535-2000, or the Public Affairs Office at 842-9828.

Retired military golf classic draws 220 players

Bob Long wins annual title

By **DON STANLEY**
Golf course volunteer

The Rocket City Retired Military Golf Classic held its fourth successful tournament June 8-10 for the local retirees and many guests.

Bob Long was the grand champion among 220 players, the largest crowd yet. Two couples came from as far away as Hawaii. A 12-tournament circuit is played by many of the participants with Redstone being the newest stop on the retirees' circuit. They each have different dates and allow the retirees and spouses to play the amateur "military golf tour."

Redstone's three-day event for men and women used three golf courses — Redstone, Colonial in Hazel Green, and Twin Lakes in Arab. Each person must have a valid USGA handicap and is flighted by A, B, C or D players and segregated by the course they play each day. Players have a different scramble team each day but all carried the team daily total as their score. After the third day, the players with the best three-day scores are the winners in each flight and were announced at the post tournament awards banquet at the Officers and Civilians Club.

The players complimented the golf courses and the tournament organization. The 12 committee members were led by chairman Jerry Whitsell and co-chairman



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BANNER EVENT— From left are Chrysler representative Ted Gortsema, local Chrysler dealership representative Sandra Shireman, hole-in-one car winner Charles Beard and tournament chairman Jerry Whitsell.

Harold Phillips. The committee starts meeting in August and has more than 16 planning sessions with plenty of hard work to make the classic a success. Twelve members of Redstone golf club also volunteer to help the committee run the tournament which had a local financial impact of \$175,000 to \$200,000.

For the last three years Chrysler Corporation sponsored a "Win a Car" for a hole-in-one. This year it was a Chrysler 300C. On the first day of the tournament Charles Beard of Crystal River, Fla., hit a 5-wood 178 yards into the sixth hole on Hillside at Redstone for the win. Chrysler

representatives Ted and Marge Gortsema bring local demo automobiles to the course for a test drive. With each test drive, Chrysler donated \$5 to junior golf and a sleeve of Callaway balls to the driver. This year a check for \$2,590 was presented for junior golf. Ted said that last year it had been 12 years since Chrysler had given an auto for the hole-in-one when another player (Dave Trevino, a local player) won on the same hole.

TaylorMade Golf and several local sponsors donated money and prizes for the participants. The winners shared 32 TaylorMade golf bags, four TaylorMade

travel bags and 173 TaylorMade golf clubs. Prizes were also given for winning closest to the hole, daily games and door prizes. A special award — the "Maxie" for a deceased member of Redstone golf club — was awarded to Phil Kensiger as the oldest player at 82.

The top 15 finishers in each flight included:

- "A" players – 1. Billy Parks, 2. Thomas McGaha, 3. Wayne Murray, 4. Carl Wilkerson, 5. Kirk Shippers, 6. Harry Riley, 7. Merv Griffin, 8. Al Fiore, 9. Dick Springett, 10. Bill Veith, 11. Jerry Cash-ion, 12. Darold Zimick, 13. Gene Hogan, 14. Don Cook, 15. Ken Crowell.

- "B" players – 1. Robert Payne, 2. Alfred Green, 3. Cal Korf, 4. Graham VanOostrum, 5. Mike McGuire, 6. Robert Thomson, 7. Ed Wood, 8. David Scott, 9. William Phillips, 10. Roy Nease, 11. Robert Hines, 12. Ken Scott, 13. Bill McCollough, 14. Charles Beard, 15. Billy Arnold.

- "C" players – 1. Bob Long, 2. Fred Brown, 3. Fred Collum, 4. Ralph Thompson, 5. Tom Gaillard, 6. Dale Peckman, 7. William Murphy, 8. Shelia Shaw, 9. Jerry Obert, 10. Bob Sullivan, 11. Marjorie Bryant, 12. Joseph Crowder, 13. J.W. Evans, 14. Marion Lamb, 15. Dave Trevino.

- "D" players – 1. Kathy Martin, 2. Tony Russo, 3. Mary Evans, 4. Shelia Phillips, 5. Randol Nichols, 6. Jacki Lane, 7. Mary Ann Bell, 8. Don Miller, 9. Jan Boggs, 10. Hilton Hayes, 11. Lois Brixey, 12. Henry Snyder, 13. Ann Frye, 14. Ina Reimann, 15. Ronnie Rogers.

Bravo beats Delta for preseason championship

Regular season starts next week

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The preseason softball tournament final last week featured the usual suspects.

Bravo and Delta, which had met June 10 in the winners bracket, had a rematch to decide the championship. Bravo had won all three of its games to this point while Delta had advanced from the losers bracket.

This time it was Bravo 11-9 on June 16 at the Patton Road field.

"We were up for like the first couple of innings," Valious Clark, who plays right center for Bravo, said. "But then some careless errors we made later on allowed them to score some runs. But that's about it. I mean we had them. We had them from the first inning. We stayed up the whole game. We were ahead the whole game."

"We couldn't really get our sticks going, the bat," Delta third baseman Terence Deese said. "And then a couple of

errors on the field cost us."

It marked the final game for Delta coach/infielder Johnny Kennedy who is going to Djibouti, Africa, for six months.

"With practice we're going to come back and be post champions," said Deese, in his first season with the Devastating Dragons. "We've got a pretty strong team. We just need a little bit more practice in certain areas. But I think we've got a special team this year that could make it."

The Bulldogs swept to the championship with four straight wins while Delta finished the tournament at 3-2. The regular season is scheduled to start June 28.

"This Bravo team is a good team this year compared to the one last year," said Clark, in his third year with the Bulldogs. "We've got a lot of talent on this team. We've got to work on some situational plays — field awareness, a lot of these kids haven't played since high school, a lot of them are making the transition from baseball to softball. But overall it's a pretty good team."

Clark played sparingly for the Bravo team that won the championship two years ago. "That team that we had that



Photo by Skip Vaughn

RUN TIME— Bravo's Edward Woodring runs toward first base during his team's 19-4 win over Delta in the winners bracket final June 10.

year (2002) was an awesome team," he said. "They were ballplayers. They understood the game and they knew how to play the game. I'm confident that this team this year can take the title again."

In losers bracket games June 10,

defending champion HHC 59th beat Headquarters & Alpha 14-11 and MEDDAC defeated the Marines 14-8. On June 14, MEDDAC won by forfeit over HHC 59th and Delta advanced to the final by beating MEDDAC 11-8.

Everyone urged to exercise caution when heat is on

Heat-related illness among top killers

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Keeping cool in the summertime isn't just a good idea; it could save your life. Heat-related illness is the No. 2 killer nationally among deaths caused by natural disasters. It's important to know the risks so you can minimize the dangers without giving up all those great summer activities.

"The biggest thing to do is avoid the main heat of the day — noon to 2 or even 4 p.m.," Bryan Lorge, chief of the AMCOM operational safety division, said. "Do your outdoor exercise or work in the morning or late in the evening but avoid the most intense heat of the day."

Because physical training is an important part of a Soldier's life, leadership at the Aviation and Missile Command take heed to the heat warnings, scheduling Soldiers' PT early in the morning to avoid

health risks.

"Nationally, heat is the No. 2 killer — cold being the No. 1 of things like lightning, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes; but being in the South, heat is probably more of a problem than cold," Lorge said.

But not everything can be scheduled according to the weather and many events go into full swing during the danger zone — between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., so Lorge offered some tips for beating the heat.

"When you are outside in the heat, wear light-colored, loose fitting clothing, lots of sunscreen and drink plenty of water," he said. "About every 15-20 minutes you should drink a cup of water. Take frequent breaks — in the shade, if possible. And for sure, avoid alcoholic beverages and caffeine. Alcohol dehydrates you because it evaporates quickly and caffeine affects your ability to dissipate heat."

For those who can't adjust their work or exercise routines, Lorge suggests risk management to mitigate the risk of succumbing to heat-related injury.

"It's important to take some time and get acclimated to the summer heat," he

said. "Don't go full-speed all day if you're not used to being out in the heat."

"We take it slower when the weather heats up," Keith Rose, health physicist in the AMCOM safety office, said. He and running partner Steve Fisher, of resource management, have been taking midday runs near the Sparkman Center for about six years. "We try to run about four miles every day. I drink lots of water while I run."

"I wear a hat to keep me cooler," Fisher said. "And we do slow it up on really hot days — add 15-20 seconds per mile." Lorge listed the three trouble stages of heat related illness.

"Muscle cramps is the first sign that something's wrong," he said. "Then heat exhaustion, a mild form of shock, and then heat stroke, which requires immediate medical attention."

More prevention tips

Stay indoors and, if at all possible, stay in an air-conditioned place. If your home does not have air conditioning, go to the shopping mall or public library — even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you go back into the heat. Call your local health department to see if there are any heat-relief shelters in your area.

Electric fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness. Taking a cool shower or bath, or moving to an air-conditioned place is a much better way to cool off.

Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle.

Although anyone at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others. Check regularly on: infants and young children; people aged 65 or older; people who have a mental illness; and those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure. Visit adults at risk at least twice a day and closely watch them for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Infants and young children, of course, need much more frequent watching.

Heat cramps

Heat cramps usually affect people who sweat a lot during strenuous activity. This sweating depletes the body's salt and moisture. The low salt level in the muscles causes painful cramps. Heat cramps may also be a symptom of heat exhaustion.

Heat cramps are muscle pains or spasms — usually in the abdomen, arms or legs — that may occur in association with strenuous activity. If you have heart problems or are on a low-sodium diet, get medical attention for heat cramps.

If medical attention is not necessary, take these steps: Stop all activity, and sit quietly in a cool place. Drink clear juice or a sports beverage. Do not return to strenuous activity for a few hours after the cramps subside, because further exertion may lead to heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Seek medical attention for heat cramps if they do not subside in an hour.

Heat exhaustion

Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after several days of exposure to high tempera-

tures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids. Those most prone to heat exhaustion are elderly people, people with high blood pressure, and people working or exercising in a hot environment.

Warning signs include heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting and fainting. The skin may be cool and moist. The victim's pulse rate will be fast and weak, and breathing will be fast and shallow. If heat exhaustion is untreated, it may progress to heat stroke.

Seek medical attention immediately if any of the following occurs: Symptoms are severe. The victim has heart problems or high blood pressure. Otherwise, help the victim to cool off, and seek medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than an hour.

Cooling measures that may be effective include the following: cool, nonalcoholic beverages, as directed by your physician; rest, cool shower, bath, or sponge bath, an air-conditioned environment, and lightweight clothing.

Heat stroke

Heat stroke occurs when the body is unable to regulate its temperature. The body's temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails, and the body is unable to cool down. Body temperature may rise to 106 F or higher within 10 to 15 minutes. Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not provided.

Warning signs of heat stroke vary but may include the following: an extremely high body temperature (above 103 F, orally); red, hot and dry skin (no sweating); rapid, strong pulse; throbbing headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion and unconsciousness.

If you see any of these signs, you may be dealing with a life-threatening emergency. Have someone call for immediate medical assistance while you begin cooling the victim. Get the victim to a shady area.

Cool the victim rapidly using whatever methods you can. For example, immerse the victim in a tub of cool water; place the person in a cool shower; spray the victim with cool water from a garden hose; sponge the person with cool water; or if the humidity is low, wrap the victim in a cool, wet sheet and fan him or her vigorously. Monitor body temperature, and continue cooling efforts until the body temperature drops to 101-102 F. If emergency medical personnel are delayed, call the hospital emergency room for further instructions. Do not give the victim alcohol to drink. Get medical assistance as soon as possible.

Sometimes a victim's muscles will begin to twitch uncontrollably as a result of heat stroke. If this happens, keep the victim from injuring himself, but do not place any object in the mouth and do not give fluids. If there is vomiting, make sure the airway remains open by turning the victim on his or her side.

Editor's note: Some information in this article was provided by the Centers for Disease Control web site.

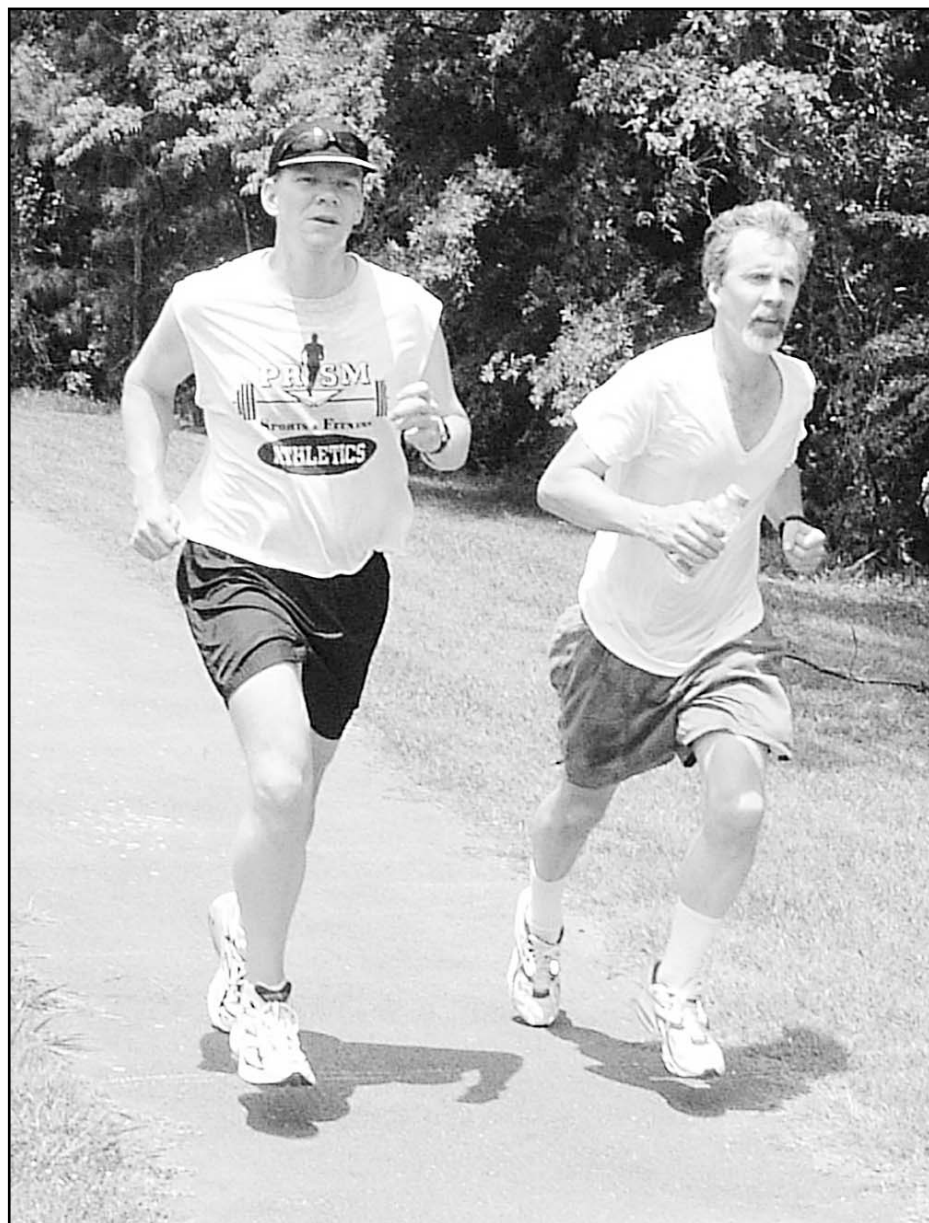


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KEEPING FIT— Steve Fisher, left, of resource management, and Keith Rose, health physicist in the safety office, run a four-mile path near the Sparkman Center during their lunch time.

Pact promises improved logistics support

Agencies agree to share data

By **BILL MARRERO** and **KEN WALKER**
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A new agreement between Logistics Support Activity and the Project Manager Logistics Information Systems promises to build collaboration among DoD logis-

tics data systems and move the Army closer to a single authoritative source for all logistics information.

The agreement provides for the sharing of data and ideas between their respective Army logistics capabilities, Logistics Integrated Database and Integrated Logistics Analysis Program. The memorandum of agreement sealing the deal was signed by Robert Stauner, LOGSA Logistic Information Center chief and Lt. Col. Mae King, acting product manager for automated logistics and integrated systems, and then further endorsed by Geoffrey Embrey, deputy to the LOGSA commander, and Col. David Coker, PM LIS.

Logistics Integrated Database is the flagship product suite of LOGSA's LIC, which serves at Redstone as the Army's Center of Excellence for logistics information and management. The LIDB supports the Army's key mission areas of transformation, readiness, sustainment and asset management/visibility of major weapon systems. It serves as the backbone of the Army's logistics support hub through integration with the Global Combat Support System-Army and the Logistics Modernization Program. The LIDB product suite enables the LOGSA LIC to make a constantly-improving host of logistics data, products and analysis tools available to the Army community through web, client server, and other access modes.

Integrated Logistics Analysis Program

is a standard tool for Army tactical logistics decision support and analysis that collects, integrates and displays logistics and financial data, at all echelons of the Army to provide this management information to unit, corps, installation and theater levels. Logistics data are pulled from standard transactional systems of record and aggregated for decision support by organizational structure, geographical area, mission, or time periods. Financial data are pulled from Defense Finance Accounting Systems data sites. Visibility of inbound movement is provided by a myriad of in-transit feeds from government In-Transit Visibility servers as well as feeds from commercial sources. This cross-functional data is integrated and aggregated to upper echelons to provide summary decision support views and detailed drill-down capabilities to the document level. ILAP's process of data assembly and aggregation affords Army departmental users the opportunity to do Army level analysis and query. ILAP operates under the Army G-4 as the functional proponent with management authority designated to the Program Executive Office Enterprise Information Systems, and the Project Manager Logistics Information Systems.

While the Army has entertained many discussions on the subject of a common logistics operating picture — a single authoritative source for logistics data — LOGSA and PM LIS have only recently put aside past competitive efforts and initiated efforts toward genuine collaboration and data sharing between LIDB and ILAP. As a result of the recent meetings and analysis efforts of LOGSA and its contractors together with PM LIS and its contractor, a set of business processes has been identified as common to both LIDB and ILAP. In addition, the unique capabilities, strengths and specialties of each toolset have been discussed. The goal of future, more formal, collaborative efforts is to review both common and unique business processes, determining ways that LOGSA and PM LIS might assist each other in strengthening the overall Army logistics management process.

Under the current memorandum of agreement, both LOGSA and PM LIS agree to pursue stationing analysts (including contractor personnel) at each other's locations to facilitate efficient teaming and provide synergistic support to the Army. The ultimate goals for both organizations are to enhance the capabilities of both toolsets and also consolidate their data into a single database — thereby providing better, faster and more consistent information and support to logistics stakeholders, Army decision makers and the war-fighter in the field.



Courtesy photo

Just chillin'

The Koolaid Man soaks up the fun at Kids Day, June 12 at the Commissary. The Defense Commissary Agency, with the support of various vendors, sponsored a day of fun for children of all ages.



Courtesy photo

Veteran's pledge

Michael Davis, of the AMCOM office of Human Resource Development, leads the pledge of allegiance at a Flag Day ceremony June 14 at Athens State University. Davis is president of Chapter 511 of the Vietnam Veterans of America in Athens and senior vice president of the Alabama State Council of the VVA.

Seasonal rules reside in post housing

Residents have guidelines for maintenance, safety

By KELLEY LANE

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Summer is here in all of its hot, sweaty, pollen-filled glory. It is the season for outdoor work and play. It's time to fill up the kiddie pool and finally get those flowers in top form. Those in the housing areas of Redstone have a few more considerations when it comes to how and what they do regarding outdoor activities at home.

Lawn care

First, Redstone wants its yards to be beautiful. Proper lawn maintenance is outlined carefully in the Family Housing Resident's Guide. Front yards should be clutter free. This doesn't mean that the kids can't play with all of their toys and bicycles outside. It simply means that when play time is over, residents are responsible for returning things to their proper places so that the yard is left clean and neat, including the removal of any trash or debris. Those wishing to participate in the Yard of the Month competition will find their hopes dashed by a yard full of clutter or garbage.

"If they have toys and things in the front yard, then they wouldn't win," said Cynthia Ziegler, chief of Housing Management. "For the competition the yard has to be clutter free and usually they are. Sometimes people forget."

After the lawn is clean and clear, it's time to mow. Frequent mowing means less work. Short clippings that blend easily into the lawn don't require raking and disposal, but longer clippings do. If residents let the grass get high before they mow, then the clippings will have to be raked and deposited into an empty can or clear trash bag. This way Grounds Maintenance can easily identify them as such and dispose of them accordingly. The Housing Office also asks that grass clippings not be mixed with other trash or refuse. Rocks, branches and other garbage will damage the equipment used to dispose of clippings. Weed-eating and edging should also be part of regular lawn maintenance. Keep in mind that any damage to the lawn itself must be repaired before leaving Redstone.

Trees and shrubs

Summer is prime time for outdoor gardening. Those with a green thumb may wish to beautify their surroundings with

trees, shrubs and flowers. They would be well served to consult the Housing Office prior to planting to ensure that they follow guidelines and regulations regarding placement and even which species of plants are allowed. Common sense also plays a large role in adding foliage to the yard. Plant trees where they have room to grow and do not interfere with underground plumbing and utilities. Shrubs should not be planted too close to buildings since they have a tendency to spread out, hence the name "bush."

Flowers bring splashes of color to the landscape. Make sure they don't bring insects and rot along with them. Plant flowerbeds at ground level away from the foundation of the house or other structure. Raised beds or those immediately against foundations can be homes for a plethora of unwanted pests and can direct moisture into walls and insulation. Plants that require large amounts of pruning or continual care will have to be removed when the resident leaves Redstone. Houses may stay vacant for various lengths of time between families, Ziegler explained. If a plant is high maintenance, the new family moving in doesn't want to be greeted by a neglected and unattractive flowerbed. When adding decorative rocks, statues or fountains remember that when your stay in post housing is done, so is theirs.

"Any decorative stuff that they have in the yard will have to be removed when they leave," Ziegler said.

Trampolines and pools

This is also the time of the year for seasonal recreation items such as pools and trampolines. Both are to be kept and used in the backyard, not the front or side. In the interest of safety, the Housing Office asks that only one person be on a trampoline at a time and that it be away from buildings and other things that could injure a jumper should they fall off. Pads should cover the edges of the trampoline and its hardware. Children under 6 should not be allowed on full size trampolines and all children should be carefully supervised while the trampoline is in use.

The official policy on pools has changed, based on what Madison County allows for off post. Before, pools were limited to the wading variety, with a depth of 18 inches or less. Now, the size and depth of a pool is left to the discretion of the resident. However, pools must be enclosed within a 48 inch tall fence and the gate must be of the self-closing kind with a lock. Making sure that pools are secure not only keeps unwanted people and animals out, it also keeps tragedy at

bay. No one wants to be a part of a drowning accident. Pools must also be covered while not in use and drained if the length of inactivity is several days or more. Residents are responsible for their own pool care and maintenance. They are also responsible for repair to the lawn underneath, once the pool is taken down. Ziegler asks that residents remember water conservation when putting up or taking down pools.

"People have been 'sneaking' pools, especially those with the privacy fence. They're putting the pool up on the weekend and then taking it down during the week when we are at work and maybe patrolling the area," she said. "What they're doing is not conserving our water sources because they're emptying them out. They don't have to do that. They can keep that water in there, it is allowed. They can have their pool as long as it is secure. They should know, however, we're not taking any responsibility for injuries with pools."

Child supervision

Playgrounds make for fun in the sun. Parents are required to supervise their children at home in their own yards and the housing area playgrounds are no different. Children under 5 must be attended at all times. Adults must be within sight or hearing range for 5 and 6 year olds and be

able to respond within one minute. Know where your child 7 or older is and have an adult readily available should an accident or incident occur. Consult the Standards of Child Supervision in Redstone Arsenal publication for specific criteria and regulations. Remember sunscreen and insect repellent. While children over 10 may be left alone at home, Ziegler asks that parents use extra caution when there is a pool on the property. Swimming alone is never a good idea, no matter how old you are.

Summer is a season of fun and frolic, as long as the proper rules are followed. Residents who disregard the requests of the Housing Office or receive numerous warnings may find themselves in the position of the fabled grasshopper at the end of the season, looking for somewhere else to live.

"If you are not taking care of the lawn and things like that you will be asked to do so, the first time. If it happens again, the chain of command may be involved," Ziegler said. "On the third instance we start talking to (garrison commander) Col. Devlin about you doing it off post since you can't do it on post."

All of the guidelines are available from the Housing Office in building 3207. Most can be found within the Family Housing Resident's Guide. Questions not covered in the guide or additional information is available by calling housing at 876-6666.



Photo by Skip Vaughn

Blue Star flag

A Blue Star Service Flag was raised June 14 in front of the Sparkman Center and in simultaneous ceremonies at businesses throughout the local community to show support for U.S. troops. It is to be flown until the war on terrorism is won and U.S. armed forces return to peacetime operations. Staff Sgt. Stephanie Owens, operations sergeant for the Garrison, shows the flag before the ceremony at building 5300.

Army sends media imagery from Iraq at push of button

By JUSTIN WARD
Army News Service

WASHINGTON – No longer will the media in small towns nationwide need to wait for CNN or FOX to get news from Iraq. They can now do it themselves.

The Army has launched a \$6.3 million project called the Digital Video and Imagery Distribution System, a system that allows Army news crews in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan – called Mobile Public Affairs Detachments – to beam text, photos and footage to a “teleport” in Atlanta.

DVIDS users in the states, ranging from the civilian media to military personnel seeking to acquire information from the field, will then be able to acquire the real-time, broadcast-quality products from a centralized, archived database via the satellite feed. Or, if they want to conduct live press briefings or interviews, they can request it, officials said.

The service is free.

The principle benefit of the system, said Col. Rick Thomas, public affairs officer for Third Army, based at Fort McPherson, Ga., is to provide deployed commanders and concerned groups the ability to keep in touch with each other, whether through press briefings, interviews or

other medium.

“The speed is the critical thing,” said Lt. Col. Will Beckman, the public affairs officer in charge of the project for Third U.S. Army. “There’s nothing new in this, we can just do it much, much faster and at greater quality.”

Additional benefits include “enhancing the quality of the products and the ability to distribute those products both internally and externally,” Thomas said.

Anyone can sign up for the service, but requests for high-quality broadcast video can only be sent through fiber optic wire or a domestic digital satellite. “We don’t do tapes, we don’t do CDs,” said Beckman. Any requestor looking for more than still images or print would have to have a satellite downlink capability or a fiber wire.

Once on the system’s distribution list, clients will have access to “pretty much anything in the archives,” Beckman said.

They will also receive “daily bulletins and e-mail alerts for fast-breaking stories,” reported the DVIDS Web site, www.dvidshub.net.

“Our responses with the media have been very, very good,” Beckman said. “Over time, however, the product will prove itself.”

Before the system’s launch, it had

received flak for being a conduit of propaganda. Thomas equated the negativism with that of critics of embedding media prior to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

DVIDS, Thomas said, is “another tool that news [organizations] can use from which to pull products to support ongoing news. It is not an attempt to offer anything more than what we’ve provided so far.”

The system currently uses six portable KU-band satellite transmitters positioned with Army public affairs units in austere environments like Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan to get the products out.

“The band used in the satellite is different than those being used by other organizations,” Thomas said.

Eventually, more transmitters will be needed, Beckman said. “The appetite is growing. When the appetite grows, we’re going to need more capability.”

The system arose out of a plan to standardize broadcast equipment being used in operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. The military wanted a more consistent way to get news stories to the states and began studying the Norsat NewsLink 3200 satellite system from Norsat International.

“Equipment-wise, it was pretty bad,”

Beckman said about Operation Iraqi Freedom. “The chokepoint was the inability to transmit video products.”

The technology afforded by the Canadian tech company’s Norsat NewsLink 3200 system, already being used by the Coalition Press Information Center in Baghdad, looked promising. It allowed the Army to transmit high-quality broadcast pieces quickly. The Army then began constructing the DVIDS system.

The six deployed Mobile Public Affairs Detachments, or MPADs, currently using DVIDS each have portable news-gathering technology, including Sony PD 170 camcorders, a Nikon D2H still camera, laptop computer with Avid Express DV editing software. These MPADs include the 139th MPAD in Mosul, Iraq, based out of Springfield, Ill.; the Washington State National Guard’s 122nd MPAD in Baghdad, Iraq; the 204th MPAD in Baghdad, Iraq, at the CPIC there; the 196th MPAD in Tikrit, Iraq, from the 1st Infantry Division; and the Kansas Army National Guard’s 105th MPAD, in Afghanistan.

While the system was supported and funded by the Army, it is to be used by all services of the Department of Defense.



Photo by Kim Henry

Picture perfect

Aviation enthusiasts were invited to take a peek at four vintage helicopters that stopped Friday by Redstone Airfield. The pilots are members of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation and were en route to the “Week of Eagles” air show at Fort Campbell, Ky. The foundation educates the public about Army aviation in hopes of reconnecting people to their past. For more information, call 876-4142.

Sports & Recreation

Ten-miler tryouts

Redstone will have tryouts for its Army Ten-Miler team 7 a.m. Aug. 7 and Aug. 21 on a 10-mile course that begins and ends in the parking lot at Sparkman Fitness Center. The team is to have six military – including active duty, National Guard and Reserves — and four civilian members. The 20th annual race is Oct. 24 in Washington, D.C. For more information, call Skip Vaughn 876-1500 or Alexander Steel 876-3867.

Brickyard 400 sweepstakes

The Community and Family Support Center/Miller Lite “Brickyard 400 Sweepstakes” continues through June 30 at the Redstone Golf Course and Challenger Activity Center. This promotion features an ‘instant-win’ scratch card and enter-to-win sweepstakes. In addition to the scratch card giveaways, there will be an enter-to-win drawing for four trips-for-two to the NASCAR Brickyard 400 in Indiana on Aug. 8. To enter, participants simply fill out the information on the back of their scratch card and drop it in the entry box provided.

Swimming pools

Pool season passes are on sale at Outdoor Recreation and the Diane Campbell Recreation Center. Outdoor Recreation is open daily from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Diane Campbell Recreation Center is open Tuesdays through Fridays 1:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Swimming pools are open through Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily. Pool hours will be posted at each pool. Cost of season passes is \$45 for families and \$35 for individuals. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation 876-4868 or 876-6854.

Golf sweepstakes

Drive to Win in Redstone Arsenal’s “Lucky Bucket Sweepstakes 2” promotion. Sharpen your golf skills and win prizes in the process. Through June 30, one orange “lucky” ball will be dropped in the range ball machine each week. Find the ball and win instantly. In addition, an “enter to win” sweepstakes is available. You could win a Play Station 2 unit in the local grand prize drawing or one of three trips for two at any Trading Places destination courtesy of www.GovArm.com, event sponsor in the national grand prize drawing. Grand prize drawings will be held at the end of promotion. Call 883-7977 for more details.

Baseball raffle

Court Appointed Juvenile Advocates is selling \$5 raffle tickets for three drawings

where each winning child will have an hour coaching session with a Huntsville Stars player. The drawings will be at the Stars’ baseball games June 25 and July 17. For tickets or more information, call 883-2689.

Youth golf clinic

Child and Youth Services offers golf instruction for ages 6-17. Clubs will be available for those who need them. Instruction will include the basic fundamentals of putting, chipping, pitching, as well as use of iron and woods. Parents are encouraged to volunteer for at least one session as course chaperones. Registration is \$50 per child. For more information or to register, call 313-2177.

Gymnastics classes

Child and Youth Services’ new instructional program, SKIES Unlimited, will offer several gymnastics, cheernastics, tumbling, and a “Mommy and Me” preschoolers introduction to gymnastics movement, beginning in June. All classes are ongoing and taught by a certified USA-Gymnastics instructor. Classes will be held at the Youth Center. To register your child stop by the Central Registration Office, building 1500, Weeden Mountain Road or call 313-3701 or 876-3704.

Morale welfare and recreation

If you are a newly joined MWR member, or referred someone who joined in May or June, your name will be automatically entered to win a 42-inch plasma screen television valued at \$3,000, Parent and Child Weekend to U.S. Space Camp or Aviation Challenge, paid cruise aboard Opryland’s “The General Jackson,” or one of three \$50 Parisian gift certificates. If you’re a newly-joined MWR golf member, or referred an MWR golf member, this same deal applies to you, except the prize is a set of Titleist clubs with bag valued at \$3,200. For details or MWR membership information, call 830-9175 or go to <http://www.redstonemwr.com/html/membership.html>.

Conferences & Meetings

Briefing for industry

The 2004 Team Redstone Advance Planning Briefing for Industry is July 13-14 at Bob Jones Auditorium. “This briefing is a continuing effort to keep industry informed of the Army’s long-range technology development objectives and contractual opportunities,” a prepared release said. “These briefings will be of particular interest to industrial executives who are concerned with the formulation of corporate long-range objectives. The theme of this year’s conference is ‘Rapid Reaction to Battlefield Requirements Today &

Tomorrow.’” You can register online at <http://apbi.redstone.army.mil>; mail or fax your registration to APBI, c/o HDC, LLC, 120 Holmes Avenue, Suite 304A, Huntsville, AL 35801, fax 519-6667. Foreign nationals wishing to attend the briefing must submit requests through their embassies to Headquarters, Department of the Army. Upon approval of the visit request, a registration package will be accepted. For more information call Lauretta Mitchell, technical industrial liaison officer, Research Development and Engineering Center, 876-4270.

Test and evaluation

“Test Week 2004,” Aug. 30 to Sept. 2 at South Hall, Von Braun Center, represents a partnership between the Army Test & Evaluation Days Conference and the International Test and Evaluation Association annual International Symposium. Keynote speakers, workshops and panels of experts will address the future of armed forces, systems engineering processes, automotive and aerospace activities, and international T&E. An exhibition featuring more than 90 industry, government and academia organizations demonstrating products and capabilities will be held in conjunction with the technical program of the conference. Web sites for information are www.itea.org or www.testevaldays.com. For more information, call Sherry Hilley 842-6715.

Miscellaneous

Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve/National Guard units with a specialty of 25B/74B information systems operators and 75B/H unit administration. For 74B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For specialty 74C or 74F, they are now authorized to convert to 75B as well. For an interview, call Charles Vartan 876-0604 (work) or 883-8891 (home).

Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be consid-

ered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Carl Washington 876-2082. Contractors and other interested people can access www.cpol.army.mil for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center’s surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. To bid on this property, go to www.gsaauctions.gov. For more information, call 544-4667.

Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Tuesday 9-5 and Wednesday and Thursday 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9-12:30. Appointments are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-2. Donations are accepted and tax slips are available. The shop accepts handmade craft items for consignment. It can recycle all your inkjet, fax, printer, copier and laser jet cartridges. Volunteers are sought for the afternoons. For more information, call 881-6992.

Redstone motorcycle training

Experienced Riders Motorcycle Training is conducted at the Rocket Harley-Davidson Dealership off I-565 and Greenbrier Road. Soldiers, DoD civilians and military retirees are funded by the government. Contractors pay \$75 per person. For registration information, call Keith Coates 876-3383 or John Zuber 876-3114 of the Garrison Safety Office.

Youth reading program

Child and Youth Services sponsors “Heating it Up With Books at Redstone,” a summer reading program through July 31. Children of active duty, retired, and Guard/Reserve military, DoD and Redstone/NASA contractors may participate. Trophies and medallions are awarded to those who read 1,000 pages or more. For information visit www.redstonemwr.com or call Pam Berry 955-6309.

Father of Year gala

The Volunteer Center wants you to add a special event to your community calendar. The Father of the Year Gala will be at the Huntsville Museum of Art, Friday from 7 p.m. until midnight. The evening includes food, drink, dancing, a silent auction and the announcement of the Madison County Father of the Year. Entertainment will be provided by The Blue Savoy Combo. Admission is \$35 per person, \$60 per couple and \$250 for a table of eight. Call the Volunteer Center 539-7797 to reserve your seat via Visa or Mastercard. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Volunteer Center.

Purple Heart service

The Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 2201, Huntsville, will hold its annual Purple Heart Memorial Service in August. If you have received the Purple Heart Medal, or if you know anyone who

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has received this prestigious medal, call Don or Annie Powers 882-9374 for more information.

Master's degrees

Nova Southeastern University will hold an information meeting on its weekend master of business administration program at 6 p.m. July 15 at Calhoun Community College, conference room 101-E, 102 Wynn Drive. The next program starts in October when students can earn an MBA degree in 18 months with classes on alternate weekends in Huntsville. For more information call Bill Spade 800-672-7223, ext. 5046, or Paul Zutter (256) 864-2442.

AER awards ceremony

The awards ceremony for the 2004 Army Emergency Relief campaign is 10 a.m. Thursday at Heiser Hall. Key representatives and organizations will be recognized for their efforts in this year's fund-raising drive which collected \$117,000.

Patriotic celebration

Whitesburg Baptist Church will present its annual "I Love America Celebration" at 6:30 p.m. July 1-3 and 3 p.m. July 3. The Military Care Group of WBC will hold a reception for active duty and retired servicemembers and their families at 5:45 p.m. July 2 at the North Campus. For free tickets to "I Love America," call 704-5678, ext. 205.

Soldier readiness event

The Military Personnel Division will hold a Soldier Readiness Processing event Aug. 10-11 from 7-11 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. in building 3493. This event will be for any Soldier in the Redstone/Madison area who does not have an up-to-date deployment packed at their unit PAC. Any unit interested in participating should call Larry Marvin 876-4252.

PX news

The Post Exchange will operate with the following hours July 5: Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; all concessions, closed; furniture store, closed; One-Stop Goss Road, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; service station, closed; military clothing, closed; barber shop building 3479, closed; Burger King, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 5 and closed July 4; food court – Anthonys Pizza, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Cinnabon, closed; Baskin Robins, closed; Robin Hood, closed; and Churchs, closed.

Logistics engineers

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of SOLE is offering a 50 hour Logistics Management course, beginning July 12. The course provides a comprehensive review of logistics, preparing students for the next CPL exam scheduled for Nov. 6. The course is also open to anyone who simply wishes to broaden their logistics knowledge. Course fee is \$100; and four textbooks are required. For more information, call Joyce Bilodeau 842-9968.

Best yards

Yard of the Month winners for June include: Troop winner – Charlie Company, building 3410; Area 1, Columbia Cen-

tre – Sgt. Gayle Morrell, 526-B Magnolia Circle; Area 2, Challenger Heights – Sgt. 1st Class and Mrs. Thomas Perkins, 1011 Buffington Road; Area 3, Saturn Pointe – Maj. Watrina White, 44 Ripley Drive; Area 4A, New Endeavor Village – Senior Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. John Giberson, 602 Wesson Circle; Area 4B, Endeavor Village – Sgt. 1st Class and Mrs. Dana Hayes, 660 Dyer Circle; Area 5, Freedom Landing – Sgt. 1st Class and Mrs. Johnny Davis, 416 Hughes Drive; Area 6, Voyager Village – Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Leroy Howard, 306 Hughes Drive; Area 10A, Apollo Landing – Staff Sgt. and Mrs. Ronnie Yates, 475-B Cooke Drive; and Area 10B, Pathfinder Pointe – Maj. and Mrs. Tim Hall, 490 Cooke Drive.

Astronomical society

The Von Braun Astronomical Society will have a program about asteroids, with Loren Ball and Dr. Bill Cooke, at 7:30 p.m. July 10 at the VBAS Planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-12; and younger children are admitted free. Weather permitting, a star party will follow featuring the VBAS telescopes. You are also welcome to bring binoculars. For more information, call planetarium director Mitzi Adams 464-0945 or Jack Lundy 636-7160.

Transition center

In recent months the Transition Center, Military Personnel Division, has been experiencing a large increase in the numbers of visitors and Reserve/National Guard personnel processing out of the Army at Redstone Arsenal. Due to this influx, Transition Center personnel have little or no time to perform many tasks required for efficient operation of the office. Effective June 14 the Transition Center, including the Army Transition Point, Transition Services Office and the Retirement Services Office, has implemented these revised hours of operation: 7-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 7-11:30 a.m. and closed in the afternoon Thursday; and 7-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Friday. For information call Andrew Pike 313-6481.

Armed forces week

Armed Forces Celebration Week is July 12-16 and many of the events are free to the public. For more information call the Public Affairs Office 842-9828 or 842-0558, the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce 535-2000, or visit the web site at <http://www.redstone.army.mil>.

Command mentoring program

Maj. Gen. Jim Pillsbury, commander of Aviation and Missile Command, on June 17 approved the implementation of the AMCOM People Empowering People Mentoring Program. The Human Resources Directorate will sponsor informational sessions June 29 in conference room 5140, building 5300, and July 1 in conference room 1148, building 5301. Session times are 8:30-10 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to noon, and 1:30-3 p.m. The program is open to all permanent civilian

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employees. Participation in this six-month formal program pilot is voluntary. For more information, call Cheryl Wise of Human Resources Directorate 876-6062.

Veterinary clinic

The Veterinary Treatment Facility will conduct evening clinics July 8 from 4-7 p.m. Authorized patrons will be seen on a walk in basis for routine vaccinations. Heartworm, feline leukemia tests and the Home Again microchip identification system will also be available for pets. For more information, call the facility 876-2441.

Defensive driving course

A Defensive Driving course is open to youths whose parents/guardians are military, retired military, DoD, DA, contractor or NASA employees and between the ages of 15 and 18. The youths must be registered at Child and Youth Services Central Enrollment Registration, building 1500, Weeden Mountain Road. The registration cost is \$18 and is current for one year. The Defensive Driving Course is an online driving course for youths 15 to 18. The course will be held July 12-13 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148. Youths who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion that may be used to receive a discount off of automobile insurance. For more information, call Pam Berry 955-6309.

Soldier show

The 2004 U.S. Army Soldier Show will perform three shows July 13 at 7:30 p.m. and July 14 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 at the Von Braun Center Concert Hall. Morale Welfare and Recreation will distribute tickets to active duty military personnel beginning June 29 at Diane Campbell Recreation Center, building 3711, on Aerobee Road. Tickets will be available (limit four per person) for Redstone Arsenal employees beginning July 6 through MWR at the recreation center. Its hours are Tuesday through Friday 1:30-8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also the public may obtain them from the Huntsville-Madison County Chamber of Commerce, 225 Church St., which is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Individuals who do not receive tickets can go to the Concert Hall for "stand-by" seating. While seating is not guaranteed as with a ticket, any seats that remain unfilled 15 minutes before the performance will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, call Mike Gates 313-2177.

Commissary sale

The Commissary will have a “Tent Sale,” featuring paper goods, canned goods, beverages and more, from 8 a.m. to dusk June 30 and July 1-2. Check out a list of sale items at www.commissaries.com.

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REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA**

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